Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1 line 12 as follows:

Computer Program Listing Appendix

A computer listing is included in a Compact Disc appendix in the attached CD ROM (quantity of two) in IBM-PC using MS-Windows operating system, containing file Appendix.txt, created on 12/26/06, containing 12,288 bytes (Copy 1 and Copy 2) and is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

Please replace the first paragraph of page 1 as follows:

This patent application is a continuation-in-part application under 35 United States Code § 120 of United States Patent Application No. 10/187,060 filed on June 28, 2002, which is incorporated herein by reference. An exemplary schema in accordance with the present invention is disclosed in a file entitled Appendix.txt ~~beginning on page 11~~ in a CDROM attached to an application entitled "Mixed Content Flexibility," Serial No. 10/726,077, Docket No. 60001.0275US01, filed December 2, 2003, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

Please replace the second full paragraph of page 9 as follows:

FIGURE 4 illustrates an exemplary portion of an ML file that provides representation of a complex field within ML file, in accordance with aspects of the present invention. The example includes the presence of arbitrarily rich ML markup inside and around the instructions **440a and 44b** and the result **450**. The field's ML markup can co-exist and be intertwined with other ML markup, as shown in FIGURE 4.

Please delete and replace the Abstract as follows:

An application can use native field structures, which can store information such as "Creation Date of the Document", "Formula", a specially formatted number, a reference to text in another part of the document. Fields are commonly used for document automation, so that the application itself can include certain information among the contents of the document, with possibly no extra user intervention required. Thus a way can be provided to save this field definition information in a markup language (ML) document without data loss. When the format is stored in a markup language, other applications can validate the document stored in accordance with the native format. The other applications can represent the information in accordance to the degree to which they are aware of the unique properties of the application used to generate the document.